5/29/68

CODE

RADIOGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE LATELS MAY TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

RE [redacted]

LOS ANGELES, IF NOT ALREADY COMPLETED, WILL PROCESS RECOVERED NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN PLYMOUTH FOR LATENT PRINTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE. POSSIBILITY COULD EXIST THAT THIS VEHICLE USED BY SUBJECT RAY. INSURE DESCRIPTION OF [redacted] AS FURNISHED BY [redacted] APPROXIMATES THAT OF [redacted] AND IF NOT, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT [redacted] AND [redacted] ARE NOT IDENTICAL. OBTAIN CHECK FURNISHED BY [redacted] TO [redacted] FOR HANDWRITING AND LATENT FINGERPRINT COMPARISONS IN MURKIN CASE.

RE ALLEN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

THOMPSON SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED AND REINTERVIEWED IF NECESSARY AND ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON HIM WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED AS LEVER TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION FROM HIM SHOULD BE EMPLOYED IF NECESSARY. INTERVIEW HIS

VIA TELETYPE
MAY 29 1968
ENCIPHERED

1 - ATLANTA
1 - MEMPHIS
1 - NEW ORLEANS
1 - SAN DIEGO

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ASSOCIATES, OTHER HOTEL EMPLOYEES, TENANTS AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN PURSUING OR RESOLVING THE RECENT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON. UNTIL ALL OTHER AVENUES OF INVESTIGATIVE APPROACHES ARE EXPLORED TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION FROM THOMPSON, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR CALLING HIM BEFORE GRAND JURY AT THIS TIME. IF YOU FEEL THAT THOMPSON CAN FURNISH SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OFHARDIN AS TO POSSIBLY WARRANT CONSIDERATION OF HAVING AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION PREPARED, YOU SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO RESOLVE THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON AND PURSUE IT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND SAN DIEGO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NOTE:

under false pretense

[redacted] is a Ray look-alike suspect. He obtained a 1967 Plymouth on 5/14/68 and this vehicle was recovered on 5/28/68 Covina, California. Car was involved in accident with one [redacted] Azzusa, California, who stated driver of Plymouth identified himself as [redacted] and had given check to re-emburse him for damages. This check was found to have been stolen at Huntington Beach, California. [redacted] was shown photograph of Ray and stated driver of Plymouth not identical. It is not known whether [redacted] description approximates [redacted] and Los Angeles being instructed to run out loose ends.

Allen Thompson, Manager of St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles, which was former residence of subject, advised an unnamed individual recently inquired about the relationship between Ray and one James Hardin. Thompson recalls during period 3/1-17/68, while operating switchboard, an individual called Ray and left message to call James C. Hardin collect. Calls were subsequently received from this individual reportedly from Atlanta and New Orleans. Later a person identifying himself as James C. Hardin came to hotel during period 3/1-17/68.

Thompson advised that the individual who brought Hardin to his attention does not wish to identify himself as he may be subject of an outstanding warrant. Thompson refuses to identify this individual. Los Angeles advises that Thompson drinks to excess and Los Angeles believes he should be brought before a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles to ascertain identity of person who prompted his memory.

Los Angeles being requested to further pursue this through intense interview and other investigative avenues of approach.



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